

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 769

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William C. Weaver III of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of William C. Weaver III; and

WHEREAS, William C. "Bill" Weaver III was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1977, Bill Weaver never let his physical limitations keep him from his passions, beliefs, and ideals; and

WHEREAS, born in 1941 to "Big Bill" and Elizabeth Weaver, Bill Weaver was a member of one of Nashville's most prominent families; his great-grandfather, C. A. Craig, was Chief Executive Officer and one of the founders of the National Life and Accident Insurance, Co., and his father was Chief Executive Officer of that firm, which started Radio Station WSM and the "Grand Ole Opry" radio show in 1925 to sell insurance; and

WHEREAS, Bill Weaver attended Woodberry Forest School in Virginia and graduated from the Hatch School in Newport, Rhode Island, as the class valedictorian. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the South at Sewanee, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and a letterman in basketball and tennis; and

WHEREAS, after college, Mr. Weaver served his country honorably and courageously as an Airman First Class in the Air Force Reserve from 1964 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver then embarked upon his career with National Life and Accident Insurance Company in 1965. In 1968, he received the Top Agent Award, was the leading Manager in the Pacific Coast Region, and runner-up to District Manager of the entire company by taking his district in Santa Ana, California, from the bottom of the Company of 360 districts to the top; and

WHEREAS, a career member of the Top Hat Club, he ultimately arose to the position of Vice President and Director of Agencies, in which position he served until 1983, when he left the company; and

WHEREAS, from 1983 to 1985, Mr. Weaver served as President and Chief Operating Officer of U.S. Financial Services. Bill Weaver then joined Alexander & Alexander Insurance Company as its Vice President and was soon recognized as the company's top producer; and

WHEREAS, due to physical limitations from Multiple Sclerosis, Mr. Weaver left Alexander & Alexander on disability, but continued to excel in the business community from his home as the co-founder of AmSurg, giving rise to the single specialty surgery center concept in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver served with acumen and alacrity on numerous boards, including those of the Salvation Army, where he started the first Boy Scout and Brownie troops; United Way's Success by 6; the Cumberland Museum and Science Center, which he served as Chairman; Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, which he served as President of the Endowment Committee; Third National Bank; NashvilleRead; Rotary Club; Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which he served as President; and the University of the South at Sewanee, which he served as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, for his staunch dedication to community service, Bill Weaver earned many civic awards throughout his lifetime, including the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award, Cumberland Museum's Vernon Sharp Award, the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Silver Hope Chest Award, the University of the South's Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Philanthropist of the Year Spirit of Giving Award, the YMCA's Urban Services Award, the Junior League of Nashville's Paragon Community Service Award, and the Nashville Conference of Christians and Jews Community-at-Large Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was a co-founder of the Nashville Chapter of Operation Smile, the Starfish early education program in Metro Nashville schools, and the Sponsors' Scholarship Program for college applicants. The driving force behind the placement of Community Learning Centers within two Dollar General Stores in the Sam Levy Projects and Sudekam Napier Community, Bill Weaver chaired the capital campaign for the YWCA's Domestic Violence Shelter, which was later named "The Weaver Domestic Violence Shelter"; and

WHEREAS, always passionate about providing a hand up to the underserved, in 1993, Mr. Weaver co-founded Time to Rise, Inc., a program located on the campuses of Montgomery Bell Academy, Ensworth School, Harpeth Hall, and the University School of Nashville, which provides at-risk fourth through sixth graders with academic, athletic, and social opportunities. Since the inception of Time to Rise, more than 1,000 children have participated in the program; and

WHEREAS, William C. Weaver III was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bill Weaver enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-nine years, Nancy Johnson Weaver, and was the proud father of Collins Weaver Hooper, Jane Craig Weaver Friedrich, and William Cheatham Weaver IV; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his grandchildren, Kathryn Eads Hooper, Margaret Livingston Hooper, Martha Myatt Hooper, William Cheatham Weaver V, Samuel Witt Weaver, and Charles Cook Friedrich; his mother, Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor; his sister, Elizabeth Weaver Lane; his aunt, Margaret Ann Craig Robinson; and his uncle, Cornelius Abernathy Craig II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was an active and devout member of the West End United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the Administrative Board and as the Head Usher; and

WHEREAS, Bill Weaver leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William C. Weaver III, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Weaver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.